

in the possession of or under the control of said board; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 86, "An Act creating and establishing the Winnie Independent School District in the counties of Chambers and Jefferson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries and divesting the bodies now controlling the same of the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes within the territory within this act described and investing the same in the Winnie Independent School District; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; authorizing said district to issue bonds, and to assume the outstanding indebtedness against any of the common school districts affected by this act; and investing the said district with the rights, powers and privileges and duties of a town and village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 55, "An Act conferring upon the Railroad Commission of Texas the power to require persons, firms, corporations and receivers, owning or operating railroads within the State of Texas, to arrange or rearrange or relocate their railroad tracks and depot buildings at stations when and where the safety of the public may require such arrangements or rearrangement; providing procedure for such requirements, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 30, "An Act to better provide for the location, establishment and construction of the hospital at Rusk, Texas, for the care, treatment and support of insane persons of African race or descent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 1, "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and to provide the manner in which the State funds shall be kept and deposited; to define the State Depository Board and its powers, and what banks may become State depositories, and the manner and means of selecting such State depositories, providing for the distribution of such State funds among such depositories, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 22, "An Act to provide for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts within this State under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 59 of Article 15 of the State Constitution, to be known as Levee Improve-

ment Districts, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 102, "An Act enlarging and establishing the Jarrell Independent School District, Jarrell, Williamson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 110, "An Act to amend Article 3086, Chapter 10, Title 49, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that no candidate at a primary election for a State or district office shall be declared the nominee of any political party unless he is legally qualified to hold such office, has complied with all the requirements of law, and received a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for such office at such primary election; providing for the holding of a second primary election and fixing the date for the holding of all second primary elections, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 107, "An Act amending Article 3093 of Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the 1911 Revised Statutes of Texas, so as to provide that no one shall vote in a primary election or convention unless he is a citizen of the United States."

H. B. No. 133, "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell county to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt, and declaring an emergency."

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the House adjourn until 11:30 o'clock a. m., Saturday, March 23.

Mr. O'Banion moved that the House adjourn until 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, March 23.

Mr. Tillotson moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

The motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 11:28 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a. m. Saturday, March 23.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

(Saturday, March 23, 1918.)

The House met at 11:30 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby.	McMillin.
Bass.	Mendell.
Beard.	Metcalfe.
Beasley.	Miller of Austin.
Beason.	Miller of Dallas.
Bedell.	Morris.
Bell.	Murphy.
Bennette.	Murrell.
Bertram.	Neill.
Blackburn.	Nordhaus.
Blackmon.	O'Banion.
Bland.	Osborne.
Bledsoe.	Parks.
Brown.	Pillow.
Bryan.	Poage.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Butler.	Raiden.
Canales.	Reeves.
Carlock.	Roemer.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Sackett.
Cox of Bee.	Sentell.
Cox of Ellis.	Schlosshan.
Crudgington.	Seawright.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Harris.	Smith of Scurry.
Davis	Spencer.
of Van Zandt.	Spradley.
De Bogory.	Sneed.
Dudley.	Stephens.
Dunnam.	Stewart.
Fairchild.	Taylor.
Fly.	Templeton.
Ford.	Terrell.
Hardey.	Thomason
Harris.	of El Paso.
Henderson.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Holaday.	Thompson
Holland.	of Hunt.
Johnson of Blanco.	Tillotson.
Johnson of Ellis.	Tilson.
Jones.	Traylor.
Laas.	Vaughan.
Lacey.	Veatch.
Lackey.	White.
Lanier.	Williams
Lindemann.	of McLennan.
McComb.	Williford.
McCord.	Wilson.
McCoy.	Woods.
McDowra.	Yantis.
McFarland.	

Absent.

Burton of Tarrant.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Richards.
Cates.	Robertson.
Denton.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Upchurch.
Mathis.	Valentine.
Moore.	Williams
O'Brien.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Atlee.	Meador.
Baker.	Monday.
Estes.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Schlesinger.
Hudspeth.	Swope.
Kempen.	Thomas.
King.	Thompson
Laney.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tinner.
Lee.	Wahrmund.
Lowe.	Walker.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was then offered by Hon. H. P. Davis, a member of the House.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Kempen, for today, on motion of Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. Laney, for today, on motion of Mr. Neill.

Mr. Thompson of Red River, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Meador, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Mendell.

Mr. Atlee, for today, on motion of Mr. Davis of Van Zandt.

Mr. Lange, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Sentell.

Mr. Tinner, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Lindemann.

Mr. Sallas, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Holaday.

Mr. Monday, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Brown.

Mr. Schlesinger and Mr. Wahrmund, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

Mr. Haidusek, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. McDowra.

Mr. Swope, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Taylor.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Cope, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 69 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 105 be not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from

the Governor, which was read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law regulating the taxing of all money and securities deposited with the State Treasurer, or other State official or department, where such securities belong to any person, firm or corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas; providing such money or securities shall be taxed at the residence of the person, the location of the firm, or the home office of the corporation owning same.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

RELATING TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Miller of Dallas called up for consideration at this time House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, Fixing the date for sine die adjournment, the resolution have been read second time on Thursday, March 21.

The Seaker laid the resolution before the House.

Mr. Miller of Dallas offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Strike out "Saturday" and insert "Monday, March 25, at 6 p. m."

Mr. O'Banion offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Strike out "Saturday" and insert "Wednesday, March 27, at 12 o'clock noon."

Question recurring on the substitute, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—56.

Beard.	Davis
Bedell.	of Van Zandt.
Bertram.	De Bogory.
Blackmon.	Denton.
Bland.	Dudley.
Bryan.	Dunnam.
Burton of Rusk.	Fairchild.
Butler.	Fly.
Carlock.	Ford.
Clark.	Henderson.
Cox of Bee.	Holaday.
Crudgington.	Johnson of Blanco.
Davis of Dallas.	Johnson of Ellis.
Davis of Harris.	Jones.

McComb.	Smith of Hopkins.
McCord.	Smith of Scurry.
McMillin.	Spencer.
Mendell.	Stephens.
Metcalfe.	Stewart.
Murphy.	Terrell.
Murrell.	Thompson
Neill.	of Hunt.
O'Banion.	Tilson.
Pillow.	Traylor.
Raiden.	Vaughan.
Reeves.	Williford.
Rogers.	Wilson.
Seawright.	Woods.
Smith of Bastrop.	Yantis.

Nays—44.

Bagby.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Morris.
Beason.	Nordhaus.
Bell.	Osborne.
Bennette.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peyton.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Brown.	Pope.
Canales.	Roemer.
Cope.	Sackett.
Cox of Ellis.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Spradley.
Holland.	Sneed.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Thomas.
Lackey.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lindemann.	White.
McCoy.	Williams
McDowra.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.

Absent.

Bass.	Robertson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sholars.
Cates.	Strayhorn.
Dodd.	Templeton.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Harris.	of El Paso.
Hill.	Thomason
Mathis.	of Nacogdoches.
Moore.	Upchurch.
O'Brien.	Valentine.
Richards.	

Absent—Excused.

Atlee.	Lowe.
Baker.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Monday.
Estes.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Schlesinger.
Hudspeth.	Swope.
Kempen.	Thompson
King.	of Red River.
Laney.	Tinner.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
Lee.	Walker.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

Question then recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Holaday, the House at 12 o'clock m. took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 128 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring teachers in the public free schools to conduct school work in the English language exclusively, preventing the adoption of texts for elementary grades not printed in English, defining the grades in which a foreign language may be taught, and fixing penalties for the violation of this act."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

(Mr. Thomason of El Paso in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 89 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 698 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, so as to authorize the investment of the sinking funds of counties, cities, towns, school districts or school communities in United States bonds, war saving certificates, certificates of indebtedness in United States government and in State, city or town bonds, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 98, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to provide additional compensation to all judges of the district courts, district attorneys of the State of Texas, and to the judge of the Criminal District Court of Harris and Galveston counties, by allowing compensation for actual and necessary expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties in counties other than the county of their residence,' so as to increase the maximum sum which may be paid to any district judge or district attorney in any one year from the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars to four hundred (\$400) dollars, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate sales of school land on condition of settlement in cases where purchasers have been, or may be, drafted into the service of the Federal government before they had time to settle on the land, and in some cases where they did comply with the law relative to settlement, but have been, or may hereafter be forced to leave the land to make a support for themselves and for their families, or have been, or may be, drafted into the service of the Federal government before completing the required residence, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 101, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7828 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing the Governor shall appoint nine persons as public weighers in every city which receives annually 100,000 bales of cotton," with amendments.

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize persons, associations of persons, corporations and districts to conserve the fresh waters of streams for irrigation against pollution by salt sea tides."

H. B. No. 170, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of House bill No. 95, Chapter 38, pages 392, 393, 394 and 395 of the published laws enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its First Called Session, creating the Milano Independent School District, revising the metes and bounds of said district, including certain territory therefrom, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the office of Commissioner of Pensions, conferring all powers heretofore exercised by the Commissioner of Pensions under any existing laws of this State, upon the Comp-

troller of Public Accounts and annulling and repealing all appropriations for the Pension Department for the year 1918, save and except the salary of the chief clerk of said department, in the sum of \$1500 per annum, which said appropriation shall be available for the use of the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the administration of the pension laws of this State, repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Has adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, authorizing the board of trustees of the Juvenile School to lease agricultural lands.

The Senate has adopted Free Conference Committee report on House bill No. 140.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 48 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Carlock, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring syphilis, gonorrhea and chancroid and hereinafter designated as venereal diseases, to be contagious infectious, communicable and dangerous to public health; providing for and requiring reports to be made by physicians and others in all cases of such diseases; requiring patients affected with venereal disease to give information thereof; requiring city, county and local health officers to ascertain the existence of such diseases and the source of infection; providing for the protection of others from infection from such diseases; providing the condition under which the name of the patient is required to be reported; requiring druggists to keep a record of sales of drugs for venereal diseases; prohibiting any person from knowingly exposing another to infection from venereal diseases; providing for the giving of certain certificates of freedom from such diseases; providing that the records and all information concerning the persons infected with such diseases shall be kept secret from the public; providing for penalty for violations of this act investing the State, county and local health officers with all authority now provided for the enforcement of quarantine regulations to enforce the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the

House, it was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 101 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Pillow called up for consideration, at this time, with Senate amendments,

H. B. No. 101, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7828 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing the Governor shall appoint nine persons as public weighers in every city which receives annually 100,000 bales of cotton."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Pillow, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 49 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Carlock, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 66 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to public health, and providing a sanitary code for Texas, by adding thereto Article 4553aa, prohibiting advertisement concerning certain diseases and afflictions, providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 52.

Mr. Bland called up for consideration, at this time, with Senate amendments,

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 889, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, amending Chapter 6, Title 13 of the Penal Code of 1911, and which amendment relates to the closed season for killing doves, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the

House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Bland moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments.

The motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas prevailed.

Mr. Bland then moved that a free conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following free conference committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Bland, Miller of Dallas, Roemer, Tilson and Spradley.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 189, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1917, relating to official shorthand reporters' compensation in Dallas county," with engrossed rider.

S. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 55 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, page 94, by adding thereto one section, better defining rights of officers to maximum salaries, and disposition of excess fees paid to certain officers, defining 'fees of office,' and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the State Highway Commission of three members and vesting the management and control of the

State Highway Department in the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas to be administered as a bureau of said Commission; providing for the election by the Commission, with the consent of the Senate, of a secretary of the State Highway Bureau, who shall have administrative control of the highway bureau, under the direction and supervision of the Railroad Commission; fixing the term of office of the secretary; providing for the filling of vacancies therein; prescribing that such secretary shall take the constitutional oath and execute bond; fixing the salary of such secretary and prescribing how the same shall be paid; fixing the salary of the State Highway Engineer, and prescribing how the same shall be paid; providing for the publication and distribution of lists of registered motor vehicles in their numerical order; providing that all applications for registrations and license of motor vehicles, motorcycles, manufacturers, dealers and chauffeurs shall hereafter be filed with the collector of taxes for the county of the residence of the applicant and that all license fees be paid to such tax collector; providing that the tax collector shall make weekly remittance to the State Highway Bureau of one-half of the gross registration fees collected, the remaining one-half to be deposited in the county depository; providing that the tax collector shall forward to the State Highway Bureau a list certified to by him of all registrations of motor vehicles and chauffeurs and dealers for registration thereof by the Highway Bureau and the distribution of number plates and seals; providing for deposit of funds coming into the hands of the State Highway Bureau in the State Treasury; creating a special fund known as the State Highway fund, and providing for its distribution; making an appropriation of the State Highway fund for the two years beginning June 22, 1917; providing this act shall be cumulative of all highway laws except where in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Williams of Brazoria offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. All applicants for registration and license or transfer thereof of motor vehicle or motorcycle, manufacturers or dealers therein, and chauffeurs now filed with the State Highway

Department under the existing law shall after the taking effect of this act be filed with the collector of taxes for the county of the residence of the applicant; such application to be made upon forms prescribed by the State Highway Department, a supply of which shall be furnished each collector of taxes at the expense of said department.

Sec. 2. Upon the filing of an application the applicant shall pay to the tax collector the amount of the license fee required by law for which amount the tax collector shall issue a receipt showing the name of the holder, the make of his car, the model and the number of the engine of same, which receipt shall be a protection to the holder against prosecution under any provisions of the highway law regulating the registration of motor vehicles until the receipt by him of number plates and seals as is required by the statutes of this State, which receipts shall be issued in triplicate, one to be delivered to the licensee, one forwarded to the State Highway Department by the tax collector and one retained by him. The receipt herein provided for shall be furnished at the expense of the State Highway Department to the several collectors of taxes, and shall be numbered consecutively for each county. It is provided, however, that upon the filing of an application for registration during any quarter of the year the registration fee to be paid therefor shall be such a proportion of the annual fee as the remaining quarters of the year added to the quarter in which the application was filed shall bear to the entire year.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the tax collector to transmit on Monday of each week to the State Highway Department of Austin, one-half of the gross registration chauffeur or transfer fees collected during the preceding week. The remaining one-half shall be deposited by the tax collector in the county depository of the county to the credit of a special highway fund, to be expended under the provisions of law relating thereto.

Sec. 4. With the remittance provided for in Section 3 hereof the tax collector shall forward to the State Highway Department the copies of receipts issued under Section 2 hereof, and upon the receipt of such receipts the State Highway Department shall assign registration numbers to the persons whose names appear thereon, and shall at once forward, charges prepaid, to the tax collector the required number plates and

seals corresponding thereto, which shall be delivered by the tax collector without expense to him or the county, to those entitled thereto upon application therefor by such owners, provided that on or before January of each year the secretary of the State Highway Department shall forward to each collector of taxes in this State, carrying charges prepaid, a number of seals corresponding to the number of motor vehicle and motorcycle registration in their respective counties for the previous year, which seals shall be delivered by the collector of taxes to the registrants upon the payment of the license fee for the ensuing year. The number of seals so sent out shall be charged to the respective collectors of taxes in a book kept for that purpose by the State Highway Department and upon receipt of notification by the collector of taxes, together with a remittance provided for in this act, such collector shall be credited with the seals so distributed. The collector of taxes shall keep a record of all transfers and report same weekly to the State Highway Department.

Sec. 5. All funds coming into the hands of the State Highway Department shall be at once deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund known as "State Highway Fund," the same to be drawn out upon warrants issued by the Comptroller upon vouchers drawn by the secretary of the State Highway Department and all funds coming into the hands of the State Highway Department from registration fees and all sources are hereby appropriated for the two years beginning June 22, 1917, for the purpose of carrying out all provisions of the acts creating the State Highway Department, regulating the operation of motor vehicles and of this act.

Sec. 6. As compensation for their services under this act tax collectors shall receive for their services one-half of one per cent of all amounts collected by them, but in no event shall any tax collector receive any sum exceeding the amount fixed as a maximum of their fees under Chapter 4, Title 58 of the Revised Statutes, 1911, as amended by Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, page 246, and Article 3898 thereof is hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall not be construed to repeal any existing laws of this State relating to highways, except where in direct conflict therewith and shall be cumulative of all such laws.

Sec. 8. The fact that the operation

of the State Highway Department under the law as it now exists entails an expense largely in excess of that which would be incurred under this act creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Signed—Harris, Williams of Brazoria.

Mr. O'Banion moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of House bill No. 63, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without a written permission from the Speaker.

Mr. Bland moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Sentell offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 63 by adding at the end of Section 9 the following: "Each county tax collector shall receive as compensation for performing the duties imposed upon him by this act one-half of one per cent of all registration fees collected by him, which compensation may be deducted by the tax collector from the registration fees before they are divided between the county and the State."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 63 by striking out the word "bureau" in every place where it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof the word "department."

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. McCoy moved the previous question and the main question was ordered.

Question then being put on the amendments by Mr. Williams of Brazoria, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendments were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Beason.	Bryan.
Bedell.	Canales.
Bell.	Carlock.
Bennette.	Clark.
Blackmon.	Cope.
Bland.	Cox of Bee.
Bledsoe.	Cox of Ellis.

Crudgington.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Pope.
Denton.	Raiden.
Dudley.	Reeves.
Dunnam.	Rogers.
Fly.	Smith of Hopkins.
Ford.	Smith of Scurry.
Hardey.	Spradley.
Henderson.	Sneed.
Hill.	Taylor.
Holland.	Templeton.
Jones.	Thomas.
Laas.	Thomason
Lackey.	of El Paso.
Lanier.	Thomason
McCord.	of Nacogdoches.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McFarland.	Traylor.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Mendell.	White.
Metcalf.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of Brazoria.
Nordhaus.	Williams
Osborne.	of McLennan.
Parks.	Williford.
Pillow.	Yantis.

Nays—29.

Beard.	Neill.
Beasley.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Roemer.
Brown.	Sackett.
Burton of Rusk.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Spencer.
Fairchild.	Stephens.
Johnson of Ellis.	Stewart.
Lacey.	Terrell.
Lindemann.	Thompson
McComb.	of Hunt.
Miller of Austin.	Wilson.
Murphy.	Woods.
Murrell.	

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	McCoy.
Davis of Harris.	Peyton.

Absent.

Bagby.	Moore.
Bass.	Morris.
Blackburn.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Cates.	Robertson.
Davis of Grimes.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Strayhorn.
Harris.	Tillotson.
Holaday.	Upchurch.
Johnson of Blanco.	Valentine.
Laney.	Vaughan.
Mathis.	

Absent—Excused.

Atlee.	Baker.
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Butler.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Monday.
Estes.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Schlesinger.
Hudspeth.	Swope.
Kempen.	Thompson
King.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tinner.
Lee.	Wahrmund.
Lowe.	Walker.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out all before the enacting clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act providing that all applications for registrations and license of motor vehicles, motorcycles, manufacturers, dealers and chauffeurs shall hereafter be filed with the collector of taxes for the county of the residence of the applicant and that all license fees to be paid such tax collector, providing for compensation to tax collectors and repealing Article 3898, Revised Statutes and amendments thereto; providing that the tax collector shall make weekly remittance to the State Highway Department one-half the gross registration and transfer fees collected, the remaining one-half to be deposited in the county depository; providing that the tax collector shall forward to the State Highway Department a list certified to by him of all registrations of motor vehicles and chauffeurs and dealers and for registration thereof by the Highway Department and the distribution of number plates and seals; providing for deposit of funds coming into the hands of the State Highway Department in the State Treasury; creating a special fund known as the State highway fund, and providing for its distribution; making an appropriation of the State highway fund for the two years beginning June 22, 1917; providing this act shall be cumulative of all highway laws except where in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.'"

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 63 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 63 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—79.

Beard.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Murphy.
Bedell.	Murrell.
Bell.	Neill.
Bennette.	Nordhaus.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Bledsoe.	Peyton.
Brown.	Pillow.
Bryan.	Poage.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Butler.	Reeves.
Carlock.	Roemer.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Sackett.
Cox of Ellis.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Harris.	Seawright.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
De Bogory.	Spencer.
Denton.	Spradley.
Dudley.	Sneed.
Dunnam.	Stephens.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Fly.	Templeton.
Ford.	Terrell.
Henderson.	Thomas.
Hill.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Holaday.	Thompson
Johnson of Ellis.	of Hunt.
Jones.	Tilson.
Lacey.	Traylor.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
McComb.	White.
McCord.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McFarland.	Woods.
McMillin.	Yantis.
Metcalf.	

Nays—16.

Beason.	Mendell.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Canales.	Osborne.
Cox of Bee.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Williams
Laas.	of McLennan.
Lackey.	Wilson.
Lanier.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Mathis.
Bass.	Monday.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Burton of Tarrant.	Morris.
Cates.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Richards.
Dodd.	Robertson.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson of Blanco.	Strayhorn.
Laney.	

Thomason	Upchurch.
of Nacogdoches.	Valentine.
Tillotson.	Vaughan.

Absent—Excused.

Atlee.	Lowe.
Baker.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Sallas.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Swope.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Kempen.	of Red River.
King.	Tinner.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
Lee.	Walker.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 63 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend substitute to House bill No. 63 by adding after the word "depository," in the ninth line, the following words: "and credited to road and bridge fund."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 63 was then passed.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 8 of Chapter 181, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 6, Acts of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, by adding thereto Section 2b, providing for standard 'grades and packs' of other fruits and vegetables; prohibiting common carriers from receiving fruits and vegetables for shipment or transporting the same in violation of the provisions of this act; prescribing penalties for violation of this law, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate grants the request of the House for a free conference committee on House bill No. 52. The following have been elected on the part of the Senate:

Senators Page, Caldwell, Henderson, Johnston of Harris and Gibson.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor which was read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: I submitted to the Legislature on March 4, 1918, a report of the progress made in connection with the sale of the properties known as the State's Iron Industry, this sale having been authorized by the Legislature in House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, approved April 4, 1917.

As indicated in that report, the bid of L. P. Featherstone was accepted. There were three bids. One of Geo. W. Armstrong for \$15,000, one of Jas. H. Edmonds for \$100,000, and that of L. P. Featherstone for \$112,500 with an agreement to pay the State a royalty on the iron ore as used from this property. Besides exceeding the next highest bid in the sum of \$12,400 cash, the bid of Mr. Featherstone was the only one under which the State will receive a royalty on the iron ore.

In view of the fact that the successful bidder for this property, Col. L. P. Featherstone, is the president of the Texas Steel Company of Beaumont, of which company I subscribed to \$500 of the capital stock of \$2,500,000 in June, 1916, as a result of an agreement of Beaumont citizens to take \$100,000 of the stock as an inducement to have a steel plant located in Beaumont, I requested Col. Featherstone to advise me if this property is being purchased for the Texas Steel Company. His answer is in the affirmative.

I requested an opinion of the Attorney General as to my qualification to act upon this sale as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, and I submit herewith copy of his opinion to the effect that under the circumstances I am disqualified to act.

I, therefore, recommend to the Legislature that the suggestion of the Attorney General be adopted and the Acting

Lieutenant Governor be authorized by resolution to approve this sale to the end of carrying out the will of the Legislature as heretofore expressed. In my judgment it is a most advantageous sale for the State because of the good price realized for the properties, and because of the guarantee to rehabilitate the State's iron industry.

Accompanying this message is the correspondence, which is self explanatory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Attorney General's Department.

Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of the State of Texas, Capitol.

My dear Sir: The Attorney General is just in receipt of your letter as follows:

"Before finally approving or acting upon the sale of the properties known as the State's iron industry to L. P. Featherstone, in whose name the successful bid for this property was made, I addressed Mr. Featherstone a letter asking him if this purchase was for himself or for the Texas Steel Company of which he is president. He advised me that it was his intention to purchase these properties for the Texas Steel Company.

"In view of the fact that I am the owner of \$500 of the capital stock of \$2,500,000 of the Texas Steel Company, I would be very much pleased to have you advise me if, under the circumstances, I am qualified to approve this sale as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, approved April 4, 1917, and if I am disqualified to act in the premises, will you please advise me if in your judgment the Lieutenant Governor or any other officer is qualified to act.

"I will very much appreciate an opinion from you on this matter at the earliest possible moment suitable to your convenience so that if it is necessary the matter can be acted upon by the Legislature before adjournment of that body."

Replying to your inquiry, we beg to advise that in the opinion of this department, under the facts detailed in your communication, you would be disqualified to act in the approval of the contract entered into between the Board of Prison Commissioners and Mr. Featherstone. There is no statute in this

State prohibiting you from approving this contract. However, statutes of this character are but declaratory of the common law, to the effect that one cannot in his official capacity, deal with himself as an individual, *Smith v. Albany*, 61 N. Y., 444. The transaction is not relieved of the vice by reason of the fact that you, in the approval of this contract, are not dealing with yourself in an individual capacity, but with a corporation in which you are a stockholder. The authorities are equally positive and clear that a contract entered into by a public official with a corporation, in which he is a stockholder, is void. In re the opinion of the Justice, 82 Atl., 90.

While your interest in the Texas Steel Company is represented by a comparatively small number of shares, yet you have an interest which, in our opinion, would disqualify you from becoming a party to this contract, approving the same as is required in the resolution authorizing the sale.

Under Section 16, Article 4, of the Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor is required to exercise the powers and authority appertaining to the office of Governor, in case of the death, resignation, removal from office, inability or refusal of the Governor to serve or of his impeachment or absence from the State, until the Governor impeached, absent or disabled shall be acquitted, return or his disability be removed.

Under the facts stated in your letter, you are legally disabled and consequently cannot approve this contract. It is probable that under these conditions Senator Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate and Acting Lieutenant Governor would have authority to act in this case. *Barnard v. Taggart*, 25 L. R. A., 613. However, the Legislature being in session, there is no necessity to hazard the legality of Senator Decherd's approval and we advise that you submit this question to the Legislature, which by a concurrent resolution, may authorize the President Pro Tem., or for that matter any other State official, to act, together with the Attorney General, in the approval of this contract. This would set at rest all questions relating thereto.

Your request for immediate reply precludes a more extended discussion of the matter.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) C. W. TAYLOR,
Assistant Attorney General.

(Copy.)

March 22, 1918.

Governor W. P. Hobby, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Governor: In reply to your letter of March 21st, I beg to advise that I bought the State's iron industry property at Rusk for the use and benefit of the Texas Steel Company. This purchase was made at the sale of the property advertised by the Board of Prison Commissioners in accordance with resolution passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature. I was present at Huntsville on the day advertised for the opening of the bids, which was done in the presence of bidders. The lowest bid submitted was for \$15,000; the next lowest bid was for \$100,500. These bids were for the whole of the State's iron industry, together with all of the State's iron ore. Our bid was for \$112,500 for the plant and 50 cents per ton for the ore on a 50 per cent metallic content basis, to be paid for as used.

Under the State's estimates running from two to three million tons of ore in its lands our bid was recognized as being greatly in excess of that of any of our competitors by the Penitentiary Commissioners. It was so much in excess of the price expected that there has never at any time been any controversy or question as to the acceptance of our bid. The ratification which followed justified us in proceeding to put the plant into first class condition for operation. We have already spent more than \$50,000 in doing this, and are now engaged actively in this work, and expect to be making pig iron within the next sixty days.

I realize that your patriotic action in subscribing for a small lot of our stock some years ago in order to encourage and help develop iron production in Texas may cause you to feel some embarrassment in giving your formal approval to this sale, though concurred in by the Prison Commissioners, the Attorney General and the public, and it is agreeable to me that you submit the matter to the Legislature now in session.

I trust, however, that there will be no delay, as we are bending every energy to place the plant in operation at the earliest day possible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) L. P. FEATHERSTONE.

(Copy.)

March 21, 1918.

Col. L. P. Featherstone, Rusk, Texas.

Dear Mr. Featherstone: I observe that the bid for the State's iron industry at Rusk is made in your name. Before finally approving the papers in connection with the transaction, please advise me if this purchase is for you or for the Texas Steel Company, of which you are president. If the latter is the case, I prefer to have the sale ratified by the Texas Legislature since I am the owner of \$500 of the stock of the Texas Steel Company.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.HOUSE BILL NO. 183 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create the Municipal Court of Port Arthur, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL NO. 109 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, Chapter 8, Special Laws, entitled 'An Act to authorize, enable and permit the territory situated within the bounds of the city of Amarillo, in the county of Potter and State of Texas, and other land and territory adjacent thereto in Potter county to incorporate as an independent school district for free school purposes only, to be known as the Amarillo Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporations of towns and villages for free school purposes only; and to provide for the election of trustees, raising of revenue by taxation, issuing of bonds, acquiring the property of and assuming the indebtedness of the Amarillo Independent School

District and of the Amarillo Independent School District within the city limits, and dissolving the Amarillo Independent School District within the city limits, and repealing Chapter 136, Acts of 1905, relating to the incorporation of the Amarillo Independent School District, and declaring an emergency,' so as to add certain territory in Randall county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 105 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 23 of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, being an act creating a more effective road system for Scurry county, Texas; making county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners for their respective precincts; prescribing their powers and duties; providing for their compensation, etc., so that said Section 14 of said act shall hereafter read as set out below, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 113 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 113, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners court to purchase poisons and other accessories for the purpose of destroying prairie dogs, rats, coyotes, wolves, wild cats, gophers, ground squirrels, English sparrows and ravens; giving the commissioners court the authority to sell at cost or give such poisons to all persons residing in the county, to be used for such purposes, and providing procedure for the distribution and use of such poisons, and creating an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 116 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 5894 of Title 92 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1914, prescribing uniform weights and containers for both flour and meal; also prescribing standard weights per bushel for cured sweet potatoes, onions, Spanish peanuts, Virginia Runner or Bunch peanuts, and Jumbo peanuts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 130 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3944 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by an Act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved March 30, 1917, being Chapter 154 of the acts of said session relating to forcible entry and detainer and to the issuance of citation and the service thereof and the giving of bond by plaintiffs and defendants in suits of that character; providing that in case the plaintiff shall file a bond in an amount to be fixed by the justice of the peace issuing such citation he shall be placed in possession of the property unless the defendant shall within six days from the service of citation execute and deliver to the officer serving such citation a bond in a sum at least double the amount of the bond given by the plaintiff, to be approved by said officer, and conditioned that the defendant, in case judgment is rendered against him, will pay all costs of suit and a reasonable rental or value of the use of the property to the time of making such bond, and also the reasonable value or rental of same while the suit is pending and until it is finally disposed of, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 99 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Training School for Juveniles located at Gatesville, Texas, for the current fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 63 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6, Title 15 of the Penal Code of 1911 by adding thereto Article 1055a, making it a penal offense for any person to cause, encourage or contribute to the delinquency of any minor under the age of seventeen years, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Holland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 60 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1063, Title 15, Chapter 8, Revised Code of the State of Texas, 1911, defining rape, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 140.

The Speaker laid before the House for consideration, at this time, the report of the Conference Committee on House bill No. 140, which was read and adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Sackett called up for consideration, at this time, with Senate amendments,

H. B. No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the office of Commissioner of Pensions, conferring all powers heretofore exercised by the Commissioner of Pensions under any existing laws of this State, upon the Comptroller of Public Accounts and annulling and repealing all appropriations for the Pension Department for the year 1918 and 1919, save and except the salary of the chief clerk of said department, in the sum of \$1500 per annum, which said appropriation shall be available for the use of the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the administration of the

pension laws of this State, repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Sackett, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 182 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it the duty of the sheriffs, constables and their deputies, the policemen and all other peace officers of the State to assist the officers of the United States whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of an act of Congress entitled 'An Act to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, storage, use and possession in time of war of explosives, providing regulations for the sale, manufacture, distribution, storage, use and possession of the same, and for other purposes; and making it the duty of said peace officers to report to the proper officers of the United States any fact or circumstances showing or indicating a violation of said act; providing a punishment for the failure of any such peace officer to discharge the duties imposed by the provisions of this act; providing change of venue, and declaring an emergency.'"

The bill was read third time and was passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10, relating to penitentiary iron industry.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Miller of Dallas called up for consideration at this time the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 10, Relating to sale of State's iron industry property at Rusk penitentiary.

Whereas, The Legislature of the State

of Texas by the terms and provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 approved April 2, 1917, instructed the Board of Penitentiary Commissioners of the State of Texas with the approval and consent of the Governor and Attorney General, to sell and dispose of the property at the Rusk penitentiary, known as the State's iron industry; and

Whereas, An acceptable bid has been made by L. P. Featherstone, acting as the president of the Texas Steel Company of Beaumont for the purchase of said property on behalf of the said Texas Steel Company; and

Whereas, The Governor has made known to the Legislature the fact that he holds a small quantity, to wit: \$500 of the capital stock of said company, taken by him as a citizen of Beaumont, in common with other citizens of Beaumont in an effort to induce said company to locate in said city of Beaumont; and

Whereas, An opinion has been given by the Attorney General upon request of the Governor, that the holding of such stock disqualifies the Governor from approving or consenting to said sale and purchase; and

Whereas, It is necessary that someone act in lieu of the Governor in so approving such transaction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the President Pro Tem. of the Senate and Acting Lieutenant Governor of Texas be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to perform and do each and every act required of the Governor of Texas under the terms of House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, and that the said President Pro Tem. of the Senate and Acting Lieutenant Governor be authorized to approve said sale.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Parks, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 108 be not printed, as a House bill on the same subject has been printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, creating a 'State Highway Department,' and which sections relate to the allotment of the highway funds in aid of road construction; and to annual fees for registration of motor vehicles and motorcycles."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 29 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Lackey, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salary of the Adjutant General, and making an appropriation of \$7200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of moneys in the State Treasury for the years ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Question recurring on passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 29 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—59.

Beason.	Lackey.
Bell.	Lanier.
Bennette.	Lindemann.
Bland.	McCord.
Bledsoe.	McCoy.
Carlock.	McFarland.
Cope.	Mendell.
Cox of Bee.	Miller of Dallas.
Crudgington.	Murphy.
Davis of Harris.	Murrell.
De Bogory.	Neill.
Dudley.	Nordhaus.
Dunnam.	Osborne.
Fairchild.	Parks.
Fly.	Pillow.
Ford.	Poage.
Greenwood.	Pope.
Hardey.	Roemer.
Hill.	Rogers.
Holaday.	Sackett.
Holland.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson of Blanco.	Spencer.
Johnson of Ellis.	Spradley.
Jones.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.

Templeton.	Williams
Thomason	of Brazoria.
of El Paso.	Williams
Thompson	of McLennan.
of Hunt.	Williford.
White.	Wilson.
	Yantis.

Nays—29.

Beard.	McComb.
Beasley.	McDowra.
Bedell.	McMillin.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Schlosshan.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cox of Ellis.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Sneed.
Davis	Stewart.
of Van Zandt.	Terrell.
Denton.	Tilson.
Henderson.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Veatch.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Miller of Austin.
Butler.	Peyton.
Canales.	Thomas.
Metcalfe.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Richards.
Bass.	Robertson.
Blackburn.	Sentell.
Brown.	Sholars.
Burton of Tarrant.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cates.	Stephens.
Davis of Grimes.	Strayhorn.
Dodd.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of Nacogdoches.
Harris.	Thompson
Laney.	of Red River.
Mathis.	Tillotson.
Moore.	Upchurch.
Morris.	Valentine.
O'Brien.	Vaughan.

Absent—Excused.

Atlee.	Lowe.
Baker.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Monday.
Estes.	Sallas.
Hudspeth.	Schlesinger.
Kempen.	Tinner.
King.	Wahrmund.
Lange.	Walker.
Lee.	

Mr. De Bogory moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

(Mr. Pope in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 47 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the appointment of official stenographers for grand juries by the judges of the district court presiding over same, and prescribing their qualifications and duties, and providing for their compensation, and prescribing the time and method of transcribing and furnishing to the district and county attorney of such counties or judicial districts of the evidence and testimony adduced and given before such grand juries in the investigation of crimes and offenses coming before such bodies, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and the House refused to pass the bill to a third reading.

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 85 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article. 6552, Title 115, Chapter 10, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that trains shall be regulated and notice shall be given of the time of trains, their places of stopping for freight and passengers; providing further that no railroad company, manager or receiver shall cease to operate trains on any railroad, and if they have so ceased to operate shall resume operation; providing further that the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas shall enforce the regulations hereof, and shall report to the Attorney General violations hereof, who shall file suit to enforce the same, and that this act shall be cumulative of all laws now in effect on this subject, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. O'Banion moved to reconsider the

vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 180 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it the duty of the Secretary of State to examine and consider applications for refund for permit fee and franchise taxes paid by foreign corporations, under protest, against the constitutionality of the permit fee and franchise tax acts of the State of Texas recently held void by the Supreme Court of the United States; defining the duties of the Secretary of State with reference to this matter, and regulating the method of approving and registering these claims; authorizing suits to be brought against the Secretary of State in his official capacity in any district court of Travis county for the establishment and allowance of any claim rejected by the Secretary of State; regulating such suit and prescribing the duties of the Secretary of State in the event of a final judgment establishing any claim; prescribing the period of time within which such claims must be presented to the Secretary of State and within which suits must be filed on rejected claims and fixing a period of limitation when such claims shall be void, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Mendell offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 180, by striking out the words "under protest" wherever they occur in the bill.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 180 was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL NO. 100 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 100, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit all applicants for registration as nurses, under the provisions of Articles 5748 to 5755, inclusive, Chapter 2, Title 90, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and who shall be otherwise

properly qualified and who may pass a satisfactory examination, conducted by the Board of Nurse Examiners, to practice professional nursing in this State; provided, that the applicant for examination for such license as a nurse shall not be required by the board to have more than one year's training as a nurse in a hospital, sanitarium or school before the issuance of a license to such party; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

MOTION TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL NO. 172.

Mr. Davis of Harris moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 172, making it the duty of the Board of Water Engineers to induce and assist owners and lessees of land to conserve and impound storm waters.

The motion was lost.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Carlock, it was ordered that House bill No. 179 be not printed.

TO PAY STENOGRAPHERS FOR EXTRA WORK.

Mr. Butler offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Three of the House stenographers, viz., Misses Ethel Gillett, Adele Whittle and Winnie Warren, have been taking testimony for the committee investigating the Confederate Woman's Home, and have been working continuously and at night transcribing the evidence; and

Whereas, The committee thinks it will require all of next week for the young ladies to finish transcribing the evidence, and that they should be paid for this extra service; therefore, be it

Resolved and ordered, That the three young ladies each be allowed \$3 extra for each day's work in taking down testimony, which consisted of seven days, and that they be allowed \$5 per day after the House adjourns next week up to and including Saturday, and said amount to be paid out of the mileage and per diem fund.

Signed—Butler, Miller of Austin, Thomas, Peyton, Schlosshan.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

TENDERING SERVICE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Reeves offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas has been duly termed a war Legislature; and

Whereas, The personnel of this Legislature, and the Legislature as a whole, have promoted every measure that would tend and does tend to aid in the winning of the great war against Germany and her allies; and

Whereas, The Federal government of the United States of America has been pleading and now pleads for a greater man power to promote the war; and

Whereas, The government of the United States is seeking all available help and aid from the citizenship of America and needs the aid and assistance of every available man to win the war; and

Whereas, A majority of this House are incapacitated through age or physical disability from joining the forces that battle in France; and

Whereas, The personnel of this Legislature might be and could be of valuable service to this government in other branches of the service in this the time of great need; and

Whereas, It is evident that great sacrifices must be made to win this war; therefore, be it

Resolved, That each member of this House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas extend to the proper authority of the Federal government his personal services to be used in any branch of the service where he is best qualified to serve, and that a copy of this resolution, together with all names and addresses of the membership of this House, be forwarded to the proper authorities at Washington, said resolution being properly attested. Provided, this resolution shall not apply to those members of this House already engaged in some branch of the Federal service; and further provided, that all those who do not desire to serve may have the privilege of asking that their names be stricken from the list forwarded to Washington.

Signed—Reeves, Hill, Bell, Ford, Pillow, Blackmon, Beard, Beason, McFarland, Butler, McMillin, Woods, Taylor, Schlosshan, Bedell, Denton, Smith of Hopkins, Yantis, White, Smith of Scurry, Johnson of Ellis, Miller of Dallas, Bledsoe, Holland, Bryan, Neill, Nordhaus, Sackett, Lackey, Bland, Tilson, Davis of

Van Zandt, Carlock, Johnson of Blanco, Fly, Cope, Miller of Austin, Cox of Ellis, Raiden, Crudgington, Davis of Harris, McCoy, Holaday, Templeton, McCord, Lanier, Wilson, Lindemann, Peyton, Canales, O'Banion, Bennette, Clark, Rogers, Spencer, Sneed, Parks, Murphy, Mendell, De Bogory, Williford, Lacey, Thomason of Nacogdoches, Beasley, Metcalfe, Fairchild, Roemer, Williams of McLennan, Stewart, Thomason of El Paso, Sentell, Hardey, Laas, Cox of Bee, Seawright, Osborne, Bertram, Blackburn, Thompson of Hunt, Pope, Dunnam, Tilotson, Stephens, Sholars, Kempen.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House today, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 46, "An Act to provide for the creation of corporations to prevent the pollution of streams and to that end empowering such corporations to gather, impound and store water containing salt or other substances produced in the drilling or operation of oil wells or other wells; and authorizing such corporations to charge reasonable rates for service; and prohibiting discrimination between patrons; and conferring upon such corporations the power of condemnation of necessary land and rights; authorizing corporations interested in the proper disposition of such waters to subscribe for, own and vote stock in corporations created hereunder, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 104, "An Act to amend Article 3003 of Chapter 7, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to officers of election assisting a voter in preparing a ballot; and also amending Article 258, Chapter 2, Title 6 of the Revised Penal Code of Texas of 1911, so as to provide a penalty for the violation of said articles of the Revised Civil Statutes as the same is hereby amended."

H. B. No. 134, "An Act to authorize the payment by the State Prison Commission of debts contracted by the Prison Commission prior to January 7, 1915, for which appropriation was made from the general revenues by Chapter 201, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session; providing that the sum of three hundred and sixty-two thousand four hundred and twenty-three and 43-100 dollars paid in discharge of prison system indebtedness from the general

revenues for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1917, be transferred from the Special funds of the Prison Commission to the general revenue; providing that the sum of three hundred and eighty-seven thousand seven hundred and eighty-three and 51-100 dollars provided to be paid from the general revenues during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1918, in discharge of prison system indebtedness be paid from the funds of the prison system at the time and under the conditions specified in the said acts providing for payment of such Prison Commission indebtedness and interest thereon, and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 10, Authorizing the board of trustees of the State Juvenile Training School to lease all necessary agricultural lands upon such terms and for such time as may be expedient.

H. B. No. 94, "An Act for the protection of the health, safety and comfort of the employes in factories, mills, workshops, mercantile establishments, laundries or other establishments where women are employed, providing for proper temperature and ventilation for the protection of the health of the employes, requiring the removal of gas, affluvia or odors from places where employes are required to work and means to allay dust injurious to the health of persons employed, prohibiting decomposed or putrescent matter or refuse of any kind to be allowed to remain in or around such place of employment, providing for cleaning, sweeping and dusting outside of working hours, requiring doors used by employes as entrances or exits to open outward, prescribing the number of water closets, earth closets or privies to be supplied and requiring separate closets for males and females, requiring such closets to be kept clean and effectively disinfected and ventilated, authorizing the Commissioner of Labor Statistics or any of his deputies or inspector to enter any factory, mill, workshop, mercantile establishment, laundry or other establishment for making inspection and enforcing the provisions of the act, authorizing the said Commissioner, his deputies or inspectors to issue an order for the correction of unsanitary or immoral conditions or neglect to remove fumes and gases injurious to employes where females are employed; in case of failure or refusal on the part of the owner, superintendent, manager or other person in control or management of such establishment, giving the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, his deputies or inspectors power to close such establish-

ment or any part of it until such time as said orders are complied with, providing how such powers may be exercised and providing a method for testing the validity, etc., of such orders, fixing penalties for violation of provisions of the act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 101, "An Act to amend Article 7828 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing the Governor shall appoint nine persons as public weighers in every city which receives annually 100,000 bales of cotton."

H. B. No. 149, "An Act to authorize persons, associations of persons, corporations and districts to conserve the fresh waters of streams for irrigation against pollution by salt sea tides."

H. B. No. 170, "An Act to amend Section 1 of House bill No. 95, Chapter 38, pages 392, 393, 394 and 395 of the published laws enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its First Called Session, creating the Milano Independent School District, revising the metes and bounds of said district, excluding certain territory therefrom, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Nordhaus:

H. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the taxing of all money and securities deposited with the State Treasurer, or other State official or department, where such securities belong to any person, firm, or corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas; providing such money or securities shall be taxed at the residence of the person, or the home office of the corporation owning same, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 108, to Committee on Labor.

S. B. No. 80, to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

S. B. No. 103, to Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 98, to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

RECESS.

Mr. Holland moved that the House recess to 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Metcalfe moved that the House recess until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Swope moved that the House recess to 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

The motion of Mr. Metcalfe prevailed and the House, accordingly, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 111, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WILLIAMS of McLennan, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 179, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MURPHY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms and Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 74, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. McCoy gave notice of a minority report.

SPENCER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 184, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Cope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

NEILL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 103, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

STEPHENS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 69, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

STEPHENS, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 47, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 89, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 108, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3944 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by an act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved March 30, 1918, being Chapter 154 of the acts of said session relating to forcible entry and detainer and to the issuance of citation and the service thereof and the giving of bond by plaintiffs and defendants in suits of that character; providing that in case the plaintiff shall file a bond in an amount to be fixed by the justice of the peace issuing such citation, he shall be placed in possession of the property unless the defendant shall within six days from the service of citation execute and deliver to the officer serving such citation a bond in a sum at least double the amount of the bond given by the plaintiff, to be approved by said officer, and conditioned that the defendant, in case judgment is rendered against him, will pay all costs of suit and a reasonable rental or value of the use of the property to the time of making such

bond, and also the reasonable value or rental of same while the suit is pending and until it is finally disposed of, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5894 of Title 92 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1914, prescribing uniform weights and containers for both flour and meal; also prescribing standard weights per bushel for cured sweet potatoes, onions, Spanish peanuts, Virginia Runner or Bunch peanuts, and Jumbo peanuts, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 113, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners court to purchase poisons and other accessories for the purpose of destroying prairie dogs, rats, coyotes, wolves, wild cats, gophers, ground squirrels, English sparrows and ravens; giving the commissioners court the authority to sell at cost or give such poisons to all persons residing in the county, to be used for such purposes, and providing procedure for the distribution and use of such poisons, and creating an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it the duty of the sheriffs, constables and their deputies, the policemen and all other peace officers of the State to assist the officers of the

United States whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of an act of Congress entitled 'An Act to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, storage, use and possession in time of war of explosives, providing regulations for the sale, manufacture, distribution, storage, use and possession of the same, and for other purposes; and making it the duty of said peace officers to report to the proper officers of the United States any fact or circumstances showing or indicating a violation of said act; providing a punishment for the failure of any such peace officer to discharge the duties imposed by the provisions of this act; providing change of venue, and declaring an emergency,'"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

(Continued.)

(Monday, March 25, 1918.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Bryan it was ordered that Senate bill No. 80 be not printed.

TO LIMIT USE OF WHEAT.

Mr. Bledsoe offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy bore the burdens of this great war now raging almost alone until our entry, not only in fighting men, but in foods; and

Whereas, From their local conditions they can not longer supply the foods for either their soldiers in the field, the workers at home and the women and children; and

Whereas, Our people have scarcely felt an inconvenience, much less real suffering; be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That not only will we support our President in every move to help win this war, but we will more especially use every effort to limit the use of wheat and wheat products as requested by Mr. Hoover; and that each member of the Legislature hereby pledges his individual efforts to this end when he returns to his home people.

Signed—Dudley, Bledsoe, Thomas, Spencer, Butler, Thomason of El Paso.

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The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

INVITING GOVERNOR HOBBY TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 12, Inviting Governor Hobby to address the Legislature.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That our Great Democratic Governor, his Excellency Wm. P. Hobby, be most cordially invited to address the House and Senate in joint session, on Tuesday or Wednesday, March 25 or 26, 1918, at any hour he may select; and that a committee of three members of the House and two members of the Senate be appointed to convey this invitation to the Governor.

Signed—Metcalfe, Sackett, Spencer, Dudley, Taylor, Ponge, Davis of Grimes, Veatch, Beasley, Butler, Thomas, Raiden.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

TO PAY CERTAIN ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Butler offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It became necessary for the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Confederate Woman's Home to employ jitney service to carry the members and employees of the committee to the Home on several occasions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the contingent expense committee of the House be authorized to pay account for such transportation amounting to \$12.25 out of the contingent expense fund.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 25, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the purchase of junk by persons engaged as junk dealers or in the junk business; providing for uniform affidavits of junk sellers, and for same to be kept in well bound book, subject to inspection of the public; providing punishment for the violation of